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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, BG

SUBJECT: COUP IN BANGLADESH: SITUATION REPORT

REF: (A) DACCA 3941; (B) DACCA 3943

1. AS OF 11:00 A.M. DACCA TIME, COUP SEEMS TO BE
PROCEEDING SUCCESSFULLY. A MEASURE OF SPORADIC FIRING
CONTINUES IN AREA NEAR PRESIDENT'S OFFICE BUT, IN MAIN,
STREETS ARE QUIET. BANGLADESH RADIO REPORTS THAT
ARMY HAS INSTRUCTED BDR, RAKKHI BAHINI AND POLICE TO
REPORT TO NEAREST ARMY COMMAND. AT THIS EARLY MOMENT
THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THERE IS ANY SIGNIFICANT
RESISTANCE. MOREOVER, TELEPHONE REPORTS FROM CHITTAGONG
SAY THAT CITY VERY PLACID. SMALLPOX ERADICATION DOCTOR
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TELLS US CHECK OVER WIDE AREA OF COUNTRY THROUGH

ORGANIZATION RADIO REVEALS NO DISTURBANCES. WE ARE NOT YET READY TO DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF SOME RESISTANCE BUT PRESENT SIGNS SUGGEST COUP SO FAR EFFECTIVE. RADIO HAS NOW BEGUN CARRY STATEMENTS BY CHIEFS OF ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND BANGLADESH RIFLES, AS WELL AS BY HEAD OF POLICE, PLEDGING LOYALTY TO NEW REGIME.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO REPORTS OF ANY INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS (EITHER OFFICIAL OR NON-OFFICIAL) OR DAMAGE TO ANY AMERICAN PROPERTY. ALMOST ALL MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE OR RADIO AND NON-ESSENTIAL STAFF HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STAY AT HOME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE BEING CONTACTED THROUGH OUR WARDEN SYSTEM AND ARE ALSO BEING ADVISED TO REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IT PRESENTLY APPEARS THAT THERE IS NO THREAT TO AMERICAN LIVES OR PROPERTY; THIS SITUATION IS DEPENDENT ON MANNER IN WHICH COUP RUNS ITS COURSE.

3. NO EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE BY NEW AUTHORITIES TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US AND WE SHALL OF COURSE OBSERVE GUIDANCE IN 11 FAM 113.7 WITH RESPECT TO CONTACTS.

4. SUMMARY BIOGRAPHIC COMMENTS ON NEW PRESIDENT AND FORMER COMMERCE MINISTER KHONDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMED WILL FOLLOW.
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